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A LARGE TRACKING FACILITY IS IDENTIFIED NEAR KASHGAR IN WESTERN CHINA ON PHOTOGRAPHY OF NOV 1970. IT CONTAINS THE FIRST PLUS-SHAPED INTERFEROMETER OBSERVED IN THAT COUNTRY. THE FACILITY IS LOCATED AT 38-22-00N 76-12-00E WHICH PLACES IT SOME 95 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER AND 390 NAUTICAL MILES NORTHWEST OF THE PROBABLE IMPACT AREA NEAR HIG-PENG, CHINA.

THE FACILITY CONSISTS OF TWO WALLED OPERATIONS AREAS APPROXIMATELY ONE MILE APART. THE INTERFEROMETER, INSIDE A 670-FOOT DIAMETER CIRCLE, IS IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE LARGER AREA. THE LEGS OF THE INTERFEROMETER ARE ABOUT 575 FEET LONG AND ARE ORIENTED APPROXIMATELY NORTH-SOUTH AND EAST-VEST.

SOUTH OF THE INTERFEROMETER IS A LARGE CONTROL BUILDING AND AN UNIDENTIFIED CIRCULAR OBJECT. SOUTH OF THE INTERFEROMETER AND OUTSIDE THE WALLED AREA ARE SEVERAL LARGE BUILDINGS. A GROUND SCAR CONNECTS THESE BUILDINGS WITH AN AREA OF UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY. A MASTY TOWER, ABOUT 100 FEET HIGH, IS LOCATED ABOUT 1,000 FEET NORTHWEST OF THIS UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY.

THE SMALLER WALLED AREA CONTAINS SEVEN BUILDINGS AND A POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL DOME ABOUT 50 FEET IN DIAMETER. A GROUND SCAR RUNS FROM THIS WALLED AREA TO THE VICINITY OF THE LARGER AREA.

THE ONLY LARGE-SCALE PHOTOGRAPHY OF THIS FACILITY IS [REDACTED] AT THAT TIME THE INTERFEROMETER WAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THE SMALLER AREA WAS NOT PRESENT AT THAT TIME, BUT A SMALL POSSIBLE DISH ANTENNA WAS OBSERVED NEAR THE PRESENT LOCATION OF THIS AREA.

THE FIRST EVIDENCE OF THIS FACILITY IS ON SMALL-SCALE PHOTOGRAPHY OF AUGUST 1967. THE FACILITY WAS NOT PRESENT IN FEBRUARY 1967. THIS INSTALLATION WAS REPORTED BY NPIC FROM [REDACTED] POSSIBLE RESEARCH FACILITY.

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